

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) An apparatus for the control of brakes in bicycles and the like, to be used, in particular, for disc brakes mounted on bicycles and comprising a pump able to push fluid into a hydraulic circuit connected to the brake, wherein said pump is held inside the handlebar (2) or a part (3; 21) associated therewith.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said part (3) is a lug (3) connecting the handlebar (2) to the sleeve.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said handlebar is of sprint race-type with two curved arms, and wherein the pump is inside the two arms of the handlebar (2).

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said part is a portion (21) of the handlebar (2) defining the connection of the latter with the sleeve.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump comprises a piston (6) connected to a respective control lever (44) through an appendix (46) of said lever (44).

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump comprises a piston (6) connected to a respective control lever (44) through a connecting rod (64).

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said pump comprises a piston (6) connected to a respective control lever (44) through an appendix (46) of said lever (44).

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein pump comprises a piston (6) connected to a respective control lever (44) through a connecting rod (64).

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump comprises a piston (6) connected to a respective control lever (44) through a relevant cable (5) held within a sheath (4).

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump comprises a piston (6) connected to a respective control lever (44) through a relevant cable (5) held within a sheath (4); said cable being fixed to the body of the handlebar (2) or to said part (3; 21) associated with the latter, and said piston being pushed by said sheath (40).

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~one or more preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said pump is connected with a reservoir (8) held in said handlebar (2) or in said part (3; 21) associated therewith.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said reservoir (8) is provided with a lid (82) which allows it to be accessed from the outside.